

# State Representative Jackie Walorski House District 21

## Legislative Survey



Dear Neighbor,

The 2007 legislative session has begun and we are facing many important issues this year. I have taken on a new leadership role, being named Assistant Floor Leader for House Republicans. This leadership position will help us in District 21 and in Northern Indiana get many things done in the next 2 years. My main obligation in is to craft a budget for 2008-2009, but I will also be working on education, property tax, and many other important issues.

This newsletter contains my legislative survey, which I hope you will complete to share your opinions on some of the legislative topics we will discuss this year. You will also find an update on some of the agenda items I will be pursuing and an article about Indiana's growing economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns as we progress through the 2007 legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Walorski".

Jackie Walorski

*Rep. Walorski speaks on the House floor about maintaining fiscal discipline.*



### How to Contact State Rep. Walorski

If you have a question regarding state government, there are three ways you can contact Rep. Walorski:

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# 12 Point Plan for Indiana's Progress

1. **Permanently Eliminate Taxpayer Funded Lifetime Healthcare Benefits** for House Members through legislation to be introduced in the 2007 legislative session. Earlier this year, Republican Leader Brian Bosma eliminated the benefit administratively.

2. **Balance the 2008-09 State Budget** with no general tax increases, accounting gimmicks or dedicated fund transfers to artificially balance Indiana's books.

3. **Eliminate Partisan Gerrymandering** of Indiana's legislative and congressional districts for political gain by the party in control of the Indiana House at the end of each decade.

4. **Provide for Indiana's Energy Needs** with a focus on 'Hoosier Homegrown Energy' by making bio-diesel and ethanol more available to consumers, thus reducing the reliance on imported oil.

5. **Reform the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)** by providing a 30-minute guarantee at the BMV and other measures to improve service and efficiency.

6. **Honor and Support Hoosier Veterans and Active Military** by increasing financial assistance to those who are serving today and their families, and honoring veterans for their service.

7. **Empower Indiana Schools** by providing more resources, more flexibility and more incentives for schools, teachers, parents, and students.

8. **Crack Down on Illegal Immigration** by broadening State Police powers to enforce federal immigration laws and ensuring that state benefits are awarded only to legal Indiana residents.

9. **Expand our Job Creation Success** and promote job growth in the small business sector where 75% of Hoosier jobs are created.

10. **Get Tough on Crime** by requiring violent felons to serve at least 85% of their sentence, protecting children from Internet sexual predators, requiring

federal background checks on caregivers of the elderly, and protecting all Hoosiers from identity theft, violent offenders, and meth dealers.

11. **Help Access Affordable Healthcare** with common sense market based solutions like providing tax credits for Worksite Health Programs, a Health Insurance Premium Deduction, and allowing coverage by a parent's policy until the age of 24.

12. **Let Hoosiers Speak on Traditional Marriage** by voting in the 115<sup>th</sup> General Assembly on SJR7 – the amendment to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman – and placing SJR7 on a referendum ballot for Indiana voters to consider in November of 2008.

## Creating Job Growth Through Strong Leadership

Creating an economic climate that promotes high quality, well-paying jobs for Hoosiers has been and remains a House Republican priority. In 2003, legislation initiated by House Republicans replaced the Department of Commerce (DOC) with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The IEDC is a public-private partnership that has refocused and retooled Indiana's efforts to attract new employers and expand existing businesses – both big and small. This bold initiative created by House Republicans has become the driving force behind planning and implementing Indiana's economic development. The current economic recovery has led to the following:

- 80,000 more Hoosiers are working today than in January of 2005.
- From November 2004 through July 2006, nearly 34,000 new jobs have been announced from plant openings or plant expansions.
- Indiana has the second lowest unemployment rate among our neighboring states.
- Indiana has moved from 18<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for top business climate and has been ranked as the 9<sup>th</sup> best climate for small businesses in the nation.
- Indiana is the only state in the nation to land three new major auto plant deals, Toyota, Honda, and Cummins, in a single year.

Indiana has experienced a job growth explosion, and Rep. Walorski and her House Republican colleagues are determined to promote job growth in the small business sector while continuing to protect current economic expansions.



*Rep. Walorski and Rep. Dvorak debate at the podium*

# State Representative Jackie Walorski's 2007 Legislative Survey

Visit my website at [www.in.gov/h21](http://www.in.gov/h21) to complete this survey and send me additional comments.

If there are two voters in your household, please have voter one respond in the first column and voter two in the second column. Please give one answer for each question. When finished with the survey, cut along the dotted line, fold the survey and return it to my office. Please do not fill out this survey using red ink.

**Voter 1 Gender (optional)**    ☐ Male    ☐ Female

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<p><b>The presence of an issue in this survey does not necessarily indicate Rep. Walorski's support for the issue.</b></p>				
<p>1) Would you support a program that gives more funding and control to local law enforcement to detain illegal aliens for deportation?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>2) Would you favor giving local governments the ability to assess a local option sales or income tax as a partial alternative to property taxes?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>3) Do you support the creation of civil unions for same-sex couples?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>4) Would you support a 40-cents a pack cigarette tax increase if the funds were only used to provide health insurance for Indiana's uninsured, as well as anti-smoking campaigns?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>5) Do you support the use of embryonic stem cells for medical research?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>6) Is a locally controlled, optional full day kindergarten program funded by the state a better idea than a state controlled, mandatory full day kindergarten program?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>7) Would you support a "Truth in Sentencing" law that requires those sentenced to state prison serve at least 85% of the time demanded by the sentence?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>8) Do you believe schools should be able to test children for mental health issues without parental permission?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>9) Indiana charges a 6% sales tax on gasoline. Do you favor eliminating gasoline sales tax even if it would force the state to cut \$300 million in services a year?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>10) Do you favor the Governor's 10 year, \$1.16 billion contract with an IBM Corp. coalition to upgrade programs for food stamps, welfare benefits and Medicaid in order to cut Indiana's high rate of error and fraud in delivering benefits?</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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